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SUBJ: LOBBYING VS. SETTLEMENT EFFORTS

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1. AS YET THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GOT INTENDS TO TRY TO COMPETE WITH THE LOBBYING EFFORTS OF GREEK DEFMIN AVEROFF AND GREEK CYPRIOT HOUSE PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES, ALTHOUGH SOME LAST MINUTE TURKISH EFFORT MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE MOUNTED. AVEROFF'S TRIP IS ONLY BEGINNING TO CATCH ATTENTION IN THE PRESS AND THE MFA. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE GOT WILL FOLLOW THE LOBBYING CLOSELY, WILL CALL OUR ATTENTION TO WHAT IT MAY CONSIDER EXCESSES, AND WILL EXPECT THE US ADMINISTRATION TO DEAL WITH THE OUTCOME.

2. AS AN IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCE OF THE LOBBYING, NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE DEEPENING RESENTMENT HERE THAT WHAT THE TURKS REGARD AS THEIR EFFORT TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WITH GREECE IS BEING MET BY WHAT THEY WILL SEE AS A
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REINFORCED GREEK EFFORT TO CUT THEIR LIFELINE TO THE WEST. THIS RESENTMENT PROBABLY WILL NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE ECEVIT-CARAMANLIS TALKS, HOWEVER, SINCE ECEVIT IS HEAVILY COMMITTED TO HAVING THE TALKS AND WANTS A SUCCESS. MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WOULD OCCUR IF GREEK LOBBYING SUCCEEDS. WE BELIEVE TURKS WILL BE BUILDING UP QUITE A HEAD OF STEAM ON THIS MATTER, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN NOTED

WITH CONCERN TO AMBASSADOR BY A NUMBER OF TURKS, INCLUDING
DEP PRIMIN FEYZIOGLU. IN FACT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO
DOUBT THAT SERIOUS AND LASTING DAMAGE WILL BE DONE TO
US-TURKISH RELATIONS IF DCA REMAINS IN LIMBO AT TIME
OF NATO MEETING, LONG-RUN CONSEQUENCES FOR GREEK-TURKISH
RELATIONS ARE EVEN WORSE.
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